

February 2nd 2025

Presentation of the Lord

Opening Song How great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed!
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
 How great Thou art, how great Thou art! (Repeat)

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.
Refrain

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in –
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.
Refrain

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!
Refrain

Presider: We gather together on this Morning in the name of God, who is the Source of All Being, God who is Son, and God who is Holy Spirit All: Amen

All: Lord have Mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord Have Mercy

Opening Prayer: All: Source of All Being, throughout or collective history you have formed a people in the image of your Son. Bless us all with the gift of the capacity to love as you have loved us. May we serve you by loving and serving one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Amen

Liturgy of the Word:

1st Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4

Responsorial Psalm: 24: 7-10

R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2: 14-18

Gospel: Luke 1: 22-32

Homily and Sharing

All are welcome to share your thoughts and insights of the homily.

Intentional Prayers

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparations:

Presider: Blessed are you, God of all creation. You are the giver of this bread, fruit of the earth and of human labor. It will become for us the Bread of Life

All: Blessed be God forever

Presider: Blessed are you, God of all creation. You are the giver of this wine (and juice), fruit of the vine and of human labor. It will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Presider: Source of All Being, we ask you to receive us and be pleased with the gifts we offer you with humble and contrite hearts.... Pray, my sisters and brothers, that these our gifts may be acceptable to God, who is both Mother and Father.

All: May God accept these gifts from our hands for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good, and the good of all God's people.

Prayer over the Gifts:

All: Loving God, be pleased with the gifts we bring to your altar so that they are the sacrament of our oneness with you. In gratitude, we ask this in the name of Jesus, for he is the Christ forever and ever, Amen.

Presider: The God of Compassion is with you. **All: And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them up to God.** Let us give thanks to our Creator **All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Preface:

All loving and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus, who is the Christ.

Today, your Son, who shares your eternal splendor was presented to the Temple, and revealed by the Spirit as the glory of Israel and the light of all people.

Our hearts are joyful, for we have seen your salvation. And now, with the angels and saints, we praise you forever:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Presider and all: ***Source of All Being, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness. Let your spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of your son, Jesus, the Christ, at whose invitation we celebrate this eucharist.***

Presider: Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, he took bread and gave you thanks and praise. He broke the bread, gave it to his friends and said; "Take this all of you and eat it. This is my Body which will be given up to you."

Presider: When supper was ended, Jesus took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his friends and said: "Take this all of you and drink from it. This is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

Presider: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

All: Christ Jesus, by your life, death and resurrection you have set us free. You are the redeemer of the world.

Let us pray together:

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Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**All: Christ Jesus, by your life, death and resurrection you have set us free.
You are the Redeemer of the world.**

In memory of his life, death and resurrection we offer you, God of Compassion, this life-giving bread and this Redeeming cup. We thank you for callus us into community to be in your presence in love and in service. May all of us who share in this communion remember our Oneness with the Circle of Life, and our unity through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Loving God, remember your people throughout the world and nurture our growth in love together with our friend and bishop, Michael, and all the people of God.

Remember our friends and family members, our partners, spouses and pets and all who have walked with us on this life's journey, and also those who have crossed over to be completely in the light of your divine presence. With gratitude, we honor them and are thankful they have shared their lives with us.

Keep us mindful of who we truly are: People of the Light. Help us to stay true to that calling as we seek to honor and protect our planetary home and all the Circle of Life that dwells here with us. Help us to love as you love your creation. Nurture within us the strength to be prophetic witnesses to your justice and care of all beings, and show us how to be your presence in the midst of change and challenge.

May we always be mindful of those who came before us, and those who will follow after us. May we always remember you compassion as we share eternal life with Mary, the Mother of God, with all who have followed the spiritual path and who have done your will throughout the ages. May we praise and honor you in union with them, and celebrate the goodness you reveal within us all, through Jesus, our brother, who is the Christ.

**All: Through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, our loving God, forever and ever, Amen.**

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by your name. Your Kingdom
come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread and forgive us our trespassed as we forgive those who trespass against**

us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, now and forever, Amen.

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

Prayer of Receiving: All: Lord, you have made us worthy to receive you and by your Word, we are healed.

Communion Song: You Are Mine

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice
Be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless. I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light
Come and rest in me.

Refrain

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name,
Come and follow me. I will bring you home
I live you and you are mine.

I am strength for all the despairing Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, The lame will all run free,
And all will know my name.
(Refrain)

I am the Word that leads all to freedom. I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, Embracing all your pain
Stand up now, walk and live!
(Refrain)

Communion Prayer:

Loving Creator, you invigorate us with the Bread of Life. By this eucharist give us renewed hearts so that our lives may be complete in you. We ask this through Jesus, who is the Christ, Amen

Announcements

Solemn Prayer

Presider:

May the God of all consolation
Bless you in every way. **AMEN**

May God free you from all anxiety
And strengthen your hearts in divine love
AMEN

May God enrich you with gifts of faith, hope and love **AMEN**

And may we always remember that we are blessed in the name of God who is
Mother and Father, God who is Son, And God who is Holy Spirit **AMEN**

Closing Song: Lord of All Hopefulness

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust ever childlike, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts Lord At the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labors, and give us we pray,
Your strength in our hearts. Lord At the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hand swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us we pray,
Your love in our hearts Lord, At the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment. Whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us we pray,
Your peace in our hearts Lord, At the end of the day.

**Blessings to your day.
Remember..
Be all you are called to be.
As you are Light, so let your light shine!**